

“Misunderstood” Sermon Series: **Good People?**

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I. **Communication Gaps**

Key Truth: Even A _____ Person Can't Be _____ Without _____

II. **The Human Condition**

Psalms 14:1-3; Romans 3:10-12

Point: _____ Exists In A _____ Of _____

III. **The Good and the Righteous**

Matthew 5:43-45

Point: God Models _____ And _____ Us To Be _____

IV. **Good Will Ambassadors**

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

Interacting with a genuinely good person can be a refreshing and uplifting experience. Kindness and warmth remind us of the beauty and goodness still present in the world—gifts meant to be experienced and shared. The world certainly needs more good people. But even more, it needs righteous people: those whose actions are aligned with God's will and whose motivation is His glory. Because of the universal condition of human sinfulness, even the best among us cannot be truly righteous apart from the justifying work of Jesus Christ.

Saying that someone is “good” is not unbiblical, so long as we clarify the context in which that goodness is being described. In a human sense, a person may be called “good” for exhibiting moral behavior or virtuous character. But in God's eyes, no one is truly good—because no one, apart from Jesus, is perfectly just or in right standing with Him. It is in Christ's perfection that righteousness finds its true meaning and embodiment. Our Lord is both truly good and absolutely righteous in every way.

God expects His people to be both good and righteous. As followers of Christ, we are called not only to believe the gospel but to live it out in a way that reflects His character to the world around us. In this way, Christians are to operate as goodwill ambassadors—living testimonies to the transforming power of God's grace. Our good works are not a means of earning salvation, but they are visible expressions of the gospel we proclaim.

Where in your life is God calling you to grow in righteousness, not just goodness? Do your actions reflect a desire to glorify God or merely to appear moral in the eyes of others? Who in your life might see Christ more clearly through your integrity, kindness, or humility?

Prayerfully ask God to help you walk in His righteousness through the power of Jesus Christ. Pray that your life would reflect His goodness in a way that draws others to the truth of the gospel.